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fiber array fabricated by use of the aligning  
implement

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The disclosed references are:

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Patent Application Publication No. H2-26395 issued June 8, 1990.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial the cited references shown on the enclosed form PTO-1449 and that the references be made of record in the present application.

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